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SUBJECT: U.S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM: COMENSKY UNIVERSITY - BRATISLAVA

1. AS CU/EE NO DOUBT AWARE FROM EXTENSIVE PAST CORRESPONDENCE RE PARTICULARS THIS POSITION, PROFESSOR SOUGHT SHOULD HAVE STRONG BACKGROUND IN LINGUISTICS AND TEACHING AMERICAN ENGLISH AS SECOND OR FOREIGN LANGUAGE. EXPERIENCE OR BASIC FAMILIARITY WITH SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS IMPORTANT ASSETS IN CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE(S).

2. SLOVAK MINED HAS EXPRESSED REPEATEDLY ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT AMERICAN LITERATURE PROFESSOR IN THIS POSITION. CALLAS WAS SLATED FOR SIX CLASSES PER WEEK TEACHING AMERICAN ENGLISH TO UNIVERSITY ENGLISH MAJORS WHOSE FUNDAMENTAL COMMAND OF LANGUAGE HAD PROGRESSED TO POINT AT WHICH DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN BRITISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH WERE RELEVANT TOPICS OF ACADEMIC CONCERN.

3. LECTURER WILL ENJOY WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH EXCELLENT DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AND SEVERAL U.S. OR BRITISH-TRAINED DEPARTMENT LECTURERS, WHOSE STRENGTHS ARE PRIMARILY IN LITERATURE.

4. WHILE EMBASSY IS UNDERSTANDABLY EAGER TO RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES ATTENDING UNFORTUNATE UNAVAILABILITY OF
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CALLAS, IT IS NOT SO EAGER TO FILL THIS POSITION THAT

IT WOULD URGE DEPARTMENT OR BFS CONSIDERATION OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO MIGHT FALL VICTIM TO ANY REPEAT ANY OF PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE IN PAST BESET OTHER U.S. UNIVERSITY LECTURERS IN SLOVAKIA (E.G. HODOR AND CALLAS). CALLAS REPLACEMENT MUST, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, NOT BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING FINAL ARRIVAL IN BRATISLAVA. INsofar AS THAT CAN BE INSURED IN COURSE OF SELECTION INTERVIEWS, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

5. CALLAS ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT BEING HELD OPEN BY SLOVAK MINED IN ANTICIPATION OF ARRIVAL REPLACEMENT. CALLAS EFFECTS WERE PACKED OCTOBER 14. WILL ADVISE SHIPPING DATA WHEN KNOWN.
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